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Reason for Submission: (“X” means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity		Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity	X	Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	X
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; “I” information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Myers, Basil John	i	Adanac Military Cemetery	link
38 th Infantry Battalion	i	Miraumont, Somme France	i
Private #145450	i	Plot 8 Row E Grave 6	i
Date of Death 18/11/1916	link	Date of Burial / Exhumation	
Attestation Papers	link	Cemetery Schematic	link
Service Record		Graves Registration Report	4
Circumstance of Casualty	1	Concentration of Grave	
CEF Canada Register		Headstone Register	
War Diary Extract(s)		Casualty Spreadsheet	
Area Map(s)		Trench Map Exhumation	
Trench Map(s)	2	Grave Stone Photograph	
Possible Candidates List	3	Grave Stone Inscription	
Excluded Candidates List		Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Other		Other	

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report Form for Plot 8 Row E Grave 6 at the Adanac Military Cemetery lists an UNKNOWN C.E.F. soldier with the initials “B. J. M.”

There are seven (7) Canadian soldiers with those initials in the CWGC database. Five (5) of those listed have known grave sites. Of the two (2) with unknown grave sites, one (1) is on the Menin Gate Memorial (Belgium) and one (1) is on the Vimy Memorial (France). The location and date match the records of Private Basil John Myers.

Details of Findings:

The “Circumstance of Casualty” as shown in Attachment #1 for Private Basil John Myers (*initials “B. J. M.”*) indicates that he was killed in action while advancing from Regina Trench to Desire Trench on November 18, 1916. It is reported that he was initially buried “between part (*sic*) of Regina Trench, about ¾ mile of Courcelette 57d R17 c4.5”, as depicted in Attachment #2. The area where Private Myers was initially buried is very close to the Adanac Military Cemetery at 57D R18 a3.4. Adanac cemetery is an amalgamation of battlefield graves principally from the actions that occurred during the summer of 1916. In addition, this cemetery also received bodies immediately following the conclusion of the First World War.

The records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as presented in Attachment #3, report that there were seven (7) members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force with B.M.J. initials in their database. Two (2) of those were on memorials and the other five (5) in known cemeteries. Of the two on the memorials, one was on Menin Gate and the other on the Vimy Memorial. For interests of this case, we can exclude the known burials and the Menin gate commemoration.

That remaining soldier, with the initials “B. J. M.”, was Private Basil John Myers.

Action Required:

We were not able to locate the “*Concentration of Graves – Burial Report*” that corresponds to this grave site, although we believe that we have all of those that are available. If the document does exist, we would appreciate having the opportunity to view that document (or the Exhumation Report) to confirm that the entry stated that the initials of the deceased soldier were “B. J. M.”.

If the contents of the COC-BR does not refute the initials as shown on the GRRF document then one can conclude that the soldier in Plot 8 Row E Grave 6 at the Adanac Military Cemetery is none other than Private Basil John Myers #145540 of the 38th Infantry Battalion.

ATTACHMENT #1

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
145450	Private	MYERS	Basil John
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
38th. Battalion	18-11-16	649-M-11299	Not Stated
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"KILLED IN ACTION"</p> <p>While advancing with his Company from Regina Trench to Desire Trench, Courcolette, on the morning of November 18th.1916, he was instantly killed by enemy machine gun fire.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:--Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
		Grave.....	
		Plot.....	
		Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

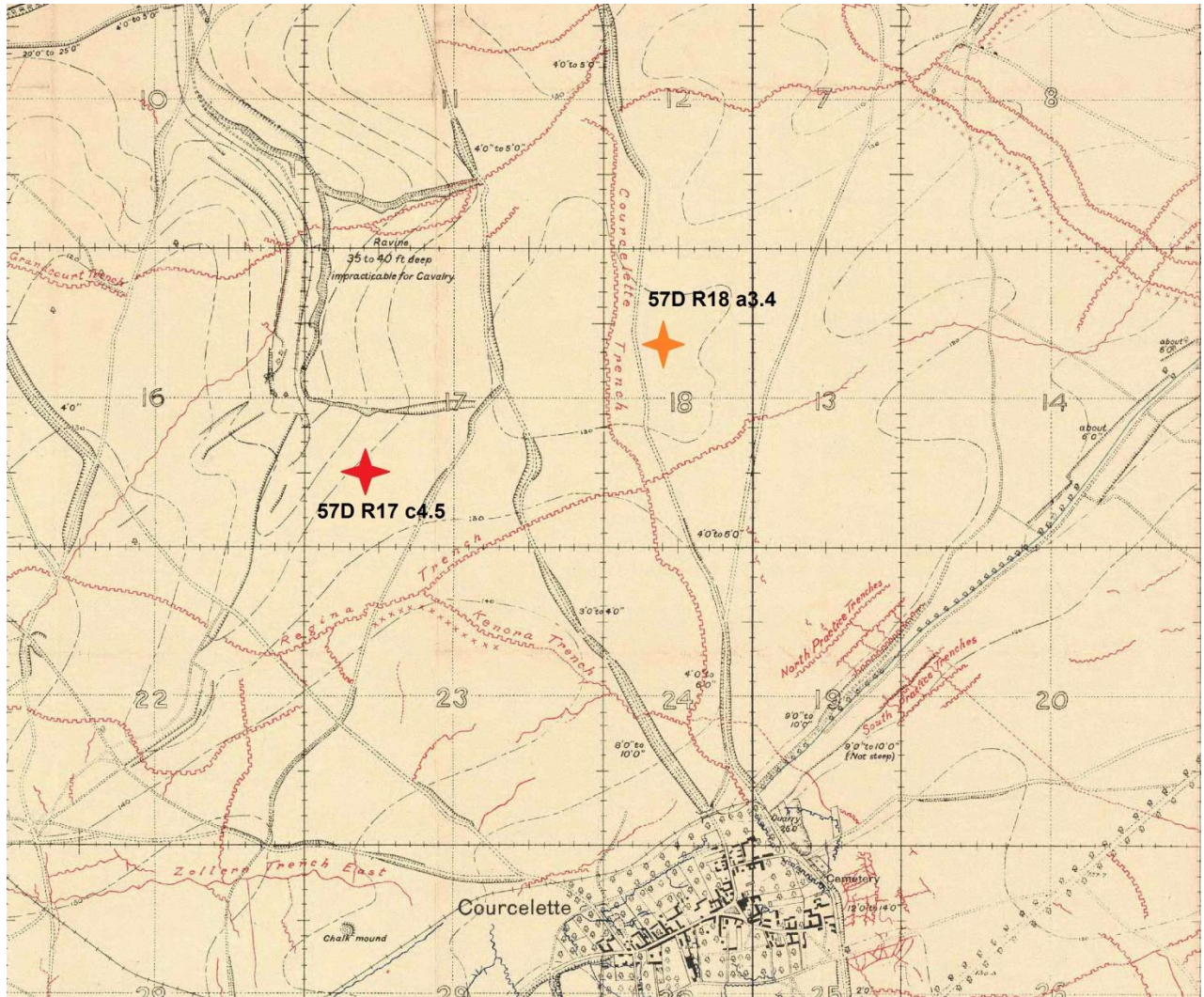
20. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.
Between part of Regina Trench, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Courcolette. Sheet 57d.R.17.c.4.5.
21. REMARKS.

ATTACHMENT #2








Map Grids:

57D R17 c4.5: Location of Body with Initials B. J. M. is buried (red star)

57D R18 a3.4: Location of Adanac Military Cemetery (orange star)



ATTACHMENT #3

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
MACLEAN, B J	Sergeant	654740	26/09/1918		Canadian Infantry	Canadian	B. 29.	QUEANT COMMUNAL CEMETERY BRITISH EXTENSION	
MELANSON, BENOIT JOSEPH	Private	733556	09/08/1918	20	Canadian Infantry	Canadian	V. D. 8.	CROUY BRITISH CEMETERY, CROUY-SUR-SOMME	
MILLER, B J	Private	696565	28/04/1917		Canadian Infantry	Canadian	F. 30.	BRUAY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	
MYERS, BASIL JOHN	Private	145450	18/11/1916	19	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
McCOLL, BRUCE J.	Private	37309	29/04/1915	18	Canadian Infantry	Canadian	Panel 18 - 24 - 26 - 30.	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL	
McDONALD, BERTIE J.	Private	3345922	23/07/1918	23	Canadian Infantry	Canadian	L.29. B."B.".	LAKELAND CEMETERY	
McFARLANE, B J	Driver	301676	19/10/1916		Canadian Field Artillery	Canadian	III. B. 2.	MESNIL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	

ATTACHMENT #4

ELA. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. 4-12-20 Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.
3rd Area Serial No. W/18877 189c

REPORT No. 90. SCHEDULE No. 40c

COMMUNE: - ERAUMONT.

PLACE OF BURIAL ADANAC M.C.

Map Reference 57d.R.18.a.3.4.

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
PLOT 8 ROW "D".						
1/8/ B.L.I.	4196	SHANKS	L/C Pte. J.	18/9/16	Y.P.L.S./2/11966 All	Gr. 33 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				34 ✓
		"	"	"	Crosses	35 ✓
12/Manchesters.	36505	OLIVER	Pte. G.W.	25-8-18		36 ✓
13/ R.Scots.	23045	GORDAN	Cpl. R.	15-9-16	Erected.	37 ✓
A. & S.Hdrs.		UNKNOWN SOLDIER				38 ✓
C.E.F.		"	"	"		39 ✓
"		"	"	"		40 ✓
PLOT 8 ROW "E".						
C.E.F.		UNKNOWN SOLDIER				1 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER 9-11-18				2 ✓
18/ C.E.F.		UNKNOWN	L/Cpl.			3 ✓
11/ "	703576	WALSH	Pte. A.V.			4 ✓
C.P.B.	154293	CHAPPEL	Cpl. J.			5 ✓
C.E.F.		UNKNOWN	B.J.M.			6 ✓
2/P.B., C.E.F.	416063	ROMANK	Pte. R.	15.9.16 (5/5449)		7 ✓

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